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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification and the International Search Report issued in connection with International Patent Application No.

PCT/KR2003/02903, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage

Application. A copy of the International Search Report was enclosed with the papers when entering the U.S. National Stage on June 29, 2006. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

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- U.S. Pat. App. Pub. 2002/0098397 A1 (CHEN et al.), published July 25,
   2002;
- (2) WO 2001/073877 A2 (KOSCHANY), published October 4, 2001;
- (3) GB 2733093 A (INABA et al.), published September 11, 2002.

Applicants also call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

- (4) JP 2003-077506 (NITTA et al.), published March 14, 2003, along with an English language abstract thereof (Patent Abstracts of Japan);
- (5) U.S. Pat. App. Pub. 2003/0054224 A1 (WARIISHI et al.), publishedMarch 20, 2003; and
- (6) WO 2002/007242 A2 (SRINIVASAN et al.), published January 24, 2002.
- (7) U.S. Application No. 10/596,917, which is a National Stage Application of PCT/KR2003/02904, and which published as WO 2005/064729 A1;

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. Patent Application Publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii) if the U.S. patent applications were filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. patent application is not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The

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Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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